

FY96 Projects Planned or Accomplished

- * Inventory: contract for the inventory of about 7,160 acres of the Topsy-Pokegama Landscape Analysis area for populations of special status plant and noxious weed species and about 4,170 acres of the Bald Eagle Management Area (BEMA) for special status plant species.
- * A Conservation Strategy will be developed for *Perideridia erythrorhiza* throughout the range of the species in southwestern Oregon through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- * Monitoring: continue to monitor the known population of *Rorippa columbiae*.
- * Collect second year data from 20 and baseline data from 9 (for a total of 29) vegetation monitoring plots on the Wood River property with the objective being to monitor vegetation change over time in response to wetland restoration management actions.
- * Botanical Surveys: conduct site clearance work in response to proposed management actions from other programs such as timber, range, wildlife, and lands.

Noxious Weed Management

The resource area noxious weed program emphasizes weed inventory, site monitoring, public education, and treatment. Treatment is handled by a cooperative agreement with Klamath County's Department of Public Works which performs the actual control work on BLM lands. For more information contact Lou Whiteaker at 541-885-4136.

FY95 Plan Accomplishments

- * Inventory: contracted with the Ecological Career Organization (ECO) to have an ECO associate survey 3,840 acres of BLM lands for noxious weeds. Twenty-six new noxious weed sites were found on Bryant and Stukel Mountains.
- * Treatment/Monitoring: one hundred and ten known noxious weed sites covering approximately 220 acres of BLM lands were chemically or manually treated by the Klamath County noxious weed treatment crew. Several new noxious weed infested sites were reported by various field personnel. These sites included a white top site at Wood River Ranch that was cleared for botany and treated this year by Klamath County. These sites will be added to the operations plan for FY 96. A seed head weevil for biological control of yellow starthistle was released in the Klamath Canyon. Organisms were supplied by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under the memorandum of agreement (MOA) between ODA and BLM. Sites where noxious weeds were treated were monitored by BLM personnel for treatment effectiveness and non-target effects.
- * Education: a noxious weed identification workshop was held in the resource area by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under the MOA between ODA and BLM. A Weed Strategy Workshop was held at the resource area to present the OR/WA BLM weed management strategy described in the document Noxious Weed Strategy for Oregon/Washington.